

## How does the trailer work?

The intent of the Outdoor Families Event Trailer is to provide a turn-key ready trailer filled with 17 activities to host a 1-day event. The goal is to engage Nebraska's youth and families in nature and outdoor activities.

Groups, such as, Pheasants Forever Chapters, Boy/Girl Scout Troops, churches, youth groups or schools are welcome to check-out the trailer.

Most supplies for each of the 17 activities are provided with the trailer (a few consumable items will need to be purchased by the group using the trailer). There is no fee for using the trailer!



For more information, visit:  
**[nebraskaoutdoortrailers.org](http://nebraskaoutdoortrailers.org)**

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## Why get outside? Why check-out the Trailer?

Whether its hunting, fishing, bird watching, or geocaching, both children and adults need time outside. Research proves that people who spend time in nature experience less stress and fewer health issues. Additionally, by being allowed to explore and spend time outside, children develop a strong self-confidence, better critical thinking skills, and an ability to creatively solve problems.

And yet, many children, adults, and families are not spending time outdoors. The reasons for this are varied, but include a lack of knowledge about outdoor activities, how to participate in these activities, and where to go to become active in the outdoors.

The Outdoors Families Event Trailer is designed to expose families to a wide variety of outdoor activities and to give families the knowledge and skills needed to participate in these activities. Check-out the trailer and get outside today!



Organizing a nature & outdoor festival has never been so easy!



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# Outdoor Families Event Trailer

## How to check-out the trailer and host an event.



1. Visit [nebraskaoutdoortrailer.org](http://nebraskaoutdoortrailer.org) to learn more about the trailers, their activities, and how to organize an event. Call to see if the trailer is available on your desired dates.

2. Download a registration form at [nebraskaoutdoortrailer.org](http://nebraskaoutdoortrailer.org).

3. Send registration form to:  
Jamie Bachmann,  
Nebraska Game & Parks Commission  
2201 N 13th Street  
Norfolk, NE 68701-2267  
Your reservation is not official until  
we receive your registration form!

4. Gather volunteers to run each activity. Most stations require 1-3 volunteers. Purchase supplies required for some activities.

5. Advertise your event in local newspapers, radio shows, and TV.

5. As the day of your event approaches, make arrangements to pick-up the trailer.

## The Activities.

### Air Rifles

Participants learn the basics of air rifles and gun safety, then try using an air rifle to shoot a target.

### Bean Bag Toss

Participants practice their aiming skills using bean bags and a wildlife-related target.

### Bee-free BBQ

Participants learn about plant pollination and the importance of bee's in pollinating the food supply.

### Binoculars & Bird Watching

Participants learn how to use binoculars, then go out into the field to look for Nebraska birds.

### Camouflage Basics

Participants pretend to be birds looking for worms or caterpillars (tri-colored pasta).

### Casting

Participants learn the basics of casting, knot tying, and fish identification.

### CSI (Critter Scene Investigations)

Participants learn about animal tracking and engage in a series of "who done it" scenes to determine what animals are involved and what happened.

### Fish Printing

Participants partake in a Japanese art known as Gyotaku or fish printing. Traditionally done with real fish, this activity will use rubber fish

### GPS & Geocaching

Participants learn the basics of GPS and Geocaching, then try to find pre-hidden caches using GPS units.

### Mudball Planting

Kids make a mud ball filled with prairie seeds to take home and plant.

### Nebraska Wildlife Jeopardy

Participants take part in a Jeopardy-style game about Nebraska's mammal, amphibian, bird, fish, and reptile species.

### Recycled Bird Feeder

Kids make a bird feeder out of a recycled plastic water or soda bottle.

### Scavenger Hunt

Participants, individually or in groups, work to find every item on a scavenger hunt.

### Tracks, and Fur, and Skulls, Oh My!

Participants learn about mammals of Nebraska through their skulls, pelts, and track replicas.

### Turkey Calls

Participants investigate the different kinds of turkey calls and practice using each.

### Un-Natural Hike

Participants go on a hike along a specific path looking for objects which are not part of nature (objects are placed before hand).

### What is Wild

Participants determine which animals are considered wild and which are domesticated... or, both!

### Wildlife Tracks

Participants make a book then fill it with track stamps of Nebraska wildlife species.

EACH ACTIVITY CONTAINS MOST OF THE  
NEEDED SUPPLIES. SOME SUPPLIES WILL  
BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GROUP  
CHECKING-OUT THE TRAILER.



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